

Buena Vista Spring Open House on Saturday, April 13, 2019

-One-day-only event showcases one of Delaware's most historic homes-

(DOVER, Del.—April 9, 2019)—[Buena Vista: A Delaware Country Estate](#), located at 661 S. Dupont Highway (Route 13), southwest of New Castle, will welcome visitors for a one-day-only spring open-house on Saturday, April 13, 2019 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Activities will include a hands-on potpourri-making demonstration, as well as self-guided tours of the mansion house, gardens and walking trails. Guests are encouraged to bring their cameras to capture the awakening of spring at one of Delaware's most historic estates. Light refreshments will be available. The event will take place rain or shine and is free and open to the public. For additional information, call 302-323-4430.



Magnolias in bloom at Buena Vista

The main section of the Buena Vista mansion house was built between 1845 and 1847 by John M. Clayton, United States secretary of state from 1849 to 1850 under presidents Taylor and Fillmore, and United States senator from 1829 to 1836, 1845 to 1849, and 1853 until his death in 1856. The home later became the residence of C. Douglass Buck, governor of Delaware from 1929 to 1937 and United States senator from 1942 to 1948. Buena Vista and its grounds were donated to the state by the Buck family in 1965 and now serve as a conference/event center administered by the Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs.



Horticultural displays at Buena Vista

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